

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the current abstract with the abstract as follows:

A socket apparatus includes a lid pivotally coupled to a socket. When the lid is in an open position, contacts in the socket are actuated to an open position for receiving an [[IC]] integrated circuit. When the lid is closed, levers coupled to the lid cease actuating the contacts, causing them to close and therefore contact pins of the [[IC]] integrated circuit for testing.